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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SA, US

SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR PRINCE TURKI

REF: JIDDA 5924

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS HAS AGREED TO EXTEND FORMAL INVITATION TO PRINCE TURKI TO VISIT US FOLLOWING HIS TRIP IN THE FAR EAST. IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME, TEXT OF INVITATION IS TRANSMITTED HERewith FOR YOUR TRANSMISSION TO TURKI.
2. GIVEN TURKI'S POSITION IN SAG, WE BELIEVE INVITATION MUST COME FROM DEPSECDEF AND NOT FROM CORPS OF ENGINEERS. INVITATION IS FRAMED IN THAT MANNER.
3. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT WE AVOID ANY IRRITATION TO PRINCE SULTAN; WE DO NOT WISH UPSTAGE HIM ON EVE OF

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MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ELLSWORTH IN

THE JOINT US-SAUDI ARABIA SECURITY COMMISSION FORUM.
THEREFORE REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THIS FACTOR AND HOW
BEST TO APPROACH THE MATTER BEFORE INVITATION IS EXTENDED.
ABOVE ALL, WE DO NOT WANT TO SURPRISE SULTAN AT THIS POINT.

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UNLESS YOU FORESEE DIFFICULTIES, OUR TENTATIVE VIEW IS
THAT YOU SHOULD APPROACH SULTAN INFORMALLY TO ASCERTAIN
IF HE WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO DEPSECDEF EXTENDING
AN INVITATION TO TURKI TO VISIT US BEGINNING ABOUT 15
NOVEMBER. IN ANY EVENT, WE NEED SOME DEFINITE SAUDI
RESPONSE, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, BECAUSE OF THE TIME
NEEDED TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE ITINERARY.

4. TEXT OF DEPSECDEF INVITATION FOLLOWS:

QTE: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, PRINCE TURKI BIN ABD AL-AZIZ,
DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION, RIYADH, KINGDOM
OF SAUDI ARABIA YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: I UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU WILL BE TRAVELING IN THE FAR EAST IN NOVEMBER
AND I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT YOU EXTEND YOUR TRIP TO
COME TO THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDINGLY, I AM MOST
PLEASED TO EXTEND TO YOU AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE UNITED
STATES AS MY GUEST. I PROPOSE THAT YOU VISIT SOME
OF OUR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND THEN WASHINGTON WHERE
I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU. I BELIEVE THAT SUCH A VISIT,
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE JOINT US-SAUDI
ARABIA SECURITY COMMISSION, WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN
THE TRADITION OF WARM RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
AND BETWEEN THE SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND
AVIATION AND THE US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

IF YOU CAN ACCEPT THIS INVITATION, PLEASE INFORM
BRIGADIER GENERAL HILL, CHIEF, U.S. MILITARY TRAINING
MISSION, WHO WILL CONVEY YOUR MESSAGE TO ME. WE WILL
THEN PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME SUGGESTED ITINERARIES FOR
YOUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. SINCERELY, (SIGNED)
WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR. END QTE. KISSINGER

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